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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND NOTICE OF INQUIRY ON EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM ACCESSIBILITY

PS Docket No. 15-94

NPRM Comments Due: March 11, 2022

NPRM Reply Comments Due: March 28, 2022

NOI Comments Due: April 11, 2022 NOI Reply Comments Due: May 10, 2022

On December 14, 2021, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*NPRM*) and Notice of Inquiry (*NOI*) seeking comment on proposed rules and examining broader measures to improve the overall functionality and accessibility of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of a summary of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register. The *NOI* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of a summary of the *NOI* in the Federal Register.

Today, February 9, 2022, the Office of the Federal Register published a summary of the *NPRM* and *NOI*, including the associated comment and reply comment dates.⁴ Accordingly, *NPRM* comments and reply comments must be filed on or before March 11, 2022 and March 28, 2022, respectively. *NOI* comments and reply comments must be filed on or before April 11, 2022 and May 10, 2022, respectively. The *NPRM* and *NOI* contains the comment filing instructions.⁵

For further information on the *NPRM* and *NOI*, contact David Munson, Attorney Advisor, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, 202–418–2921 or via e-mail at David.Munson@fcc.gov, or Chris Fedeli, Attorney Advisor, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, 202-418-1514 or Christopher.Fedeli@fcc.gov.

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¹ Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, PS Docket No. 15-94, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 21-125 (Dec. 14, 2021).

² NPRM and NOI at 1.

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, Amendment to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, 87 FR 7413 (Feb. 9. 2022).

⁵ NPRM and NOI at 16-17, paras. 30-32.